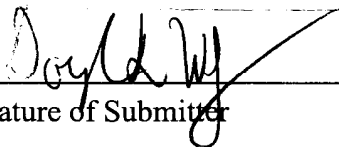


Statement by the Submitter

I, Doug Whiting, do hereby certify that I am aware of no patents, issued or pending, that cover any aspect of the Twofish algorithm. In a previous statement, Bruce Schneier indicated that we intended to file one or more patents on the algorithm (which would nonetheless be made freely available), but we never did so. At this point, the algorithm has been known publicly for far more than one year, so it would not be feasible to file for any patents even if we wished to do so.

As far as we (the inventors and submitters) know, the Twofish algorithm is and will always be available royalty-free for world-wide use.



Signature of Submitter

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